

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions--namely, forcing their local stations to air the anti-Kerry "Stolen Honor" without any balance of airing a pro_Kerry program. This partisan programming illustrates the dangers to democracy caused by media consolidation, and media that is consolidated in the hands of Republicans--Republicans who'll stop at nothing to forward their agenda. Undermining democracy is apparently of no consequence, and they feel no obligation to serve the public interest whose airwaves they use for free by providing one sided--their side--programming.

This does not serve my community locally or nationally. Sinclair is a frightening example of how Big Media is suffocating journalism and democracy itself. It uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.
Sincerely, Nancy Sreenan